

21st Century Summer Enhancement Grant Update and Award

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The Lowell Public Schools was recently awarded (April 11, 2019) a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education grant entitled (FY19) Massachusetts 21st Century Community Learning Centers - Summer Enhancement Grant.

This **\$80,000** grant will allow summer programs at the Lincoln, Morey, McAuliffe and Shaughnessy Elementary Schools to offer a full six (6) weeks of summer learning. Funds will support the hiring of staff, transportation, and additional programming based on the needs of the enrolled students.

As one of the largest grantees of 21st Century funding in Massachusetts, Lowell is proud to be the recipient of more than \$1,620,000 in 21st Century grant funds at 12 schools and serves more than 1,400 students after school each day and in the summer. In a 21st Century program, students participate in engaging academic and enrichment activities through project-based learning.

Children will participate in programming four (4) hours per day, five (5) days per week for six (6) weeks. Total program hours in the classroom will be 120 hours. Breakfast and lunch are also provided to students each day.

The Coordinator of Special Programs, Carolyn Rocheleau, was responsible for the writing of the grant proposal and will oversee the implementation of the grant in the summer program.

Program dates are as follows:

Morey School June 17th - July 26th Lincoln School June 24th - August 2nd McAvinnue School June 24th - August 2nd Shaughnessy School June 24th - August 2nd